(b) Domestic consumption of Castor oil is mainly for industrial usage. Concerned wings of the Central and State Governments take action whenever instances of adulteration come to their notice.

(c) The Indian Oil & Produce Exporters Association is mainly handling ' HPS Groundnuts and as such the question of taking their expertise in Castor oil Sector does not arise. CHEMEXIL is the concerned export promotion Council entrusted with the export promotion of Castor oil.

(d) The total production of Castor oil for the last three years is given below:—

	(In Lakh MT)
1990-91	2.51
1991-92	2.02
1992-93	2.27

According to available information, domestic demand of Castor oil is around 1.2 lakh MT per year.

Sources:

1. Department of Agriculture & Coopn.
2. Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXIL)

Domestic Consumption of Tea

2149. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: SHRI G. G. SWELL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of Tea generally go up between January and June every year due to priority being given go overseas market;

(b) what is the domestic consumption of the tea and its exports during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that producers with the help of brokers manipulate prices when overseas demand of tea is high and the domestic price of tea rise abnormally; and

(d) what is the earning from the exports of tea to the former USSR and now Russia during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES. CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The average prices of tea fetched at auctions in India during January to June this year is more or less bearer to overall average prices of tea for the full year in question.

(b) Details of domestic consumption of tea in India and exports of tea during 1990 to 1992 are given below:—

Year	Domestic Consumption of tea in India (In M. Kgs.)	Exports (M. Kgs.)
1990	500	210.02
1991	520	202.92
1992	540	170.82 (Estimated)

(c) Prices of tea at Indian auctions are determined by supply demand equations. Teas are sold in the open auctions by brokers on behalf of the producers to the highest bidders who are the registered buyers operating in the auctions.

(d) Earnings from the export of tea from India to erstwhile USSR for the last three years 1990 to 1992 are given below:—

Year	Value in Rs. crores
1990	670.72 (USSR)
1991	565.31 (USSR)
*1992 (Eastimated)	229.14

*Figure indicates supply to Russia only.

Payment of Income Tax by Tobacco Board

2150. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tobacco Board was asked to pay Rs. 5 Crores as income tax/ corporate tax;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the taxable earning of the Board;

(d) since when the demand was matte:

(c) at what stage is the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES. CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL *CHARGE OF* THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Income-tax authorities had asked the Tobacco Board 10 pay Rs. 5.53 crores towards income-tax as per details below:—

(Figures in Rs.)

Assess Year	Income-Tax	Interest	Total
1980-81	13,69,970	44,38,630	58,08,600
1981-82	1,26,910	3,80,220	5,07,130
1982-83	40,06,150	1,23,57,400	1,62,63,560
1983-84	4,57,880	11,88,170	16,46,050
1989-90	1,76,99,267	1,33,00,947	3,10,00,214
1990-91	5,544	—	5,544
1991-92	8,464	—	8,464
TOTAL	2,36,74,185	3,16,65,367	5,53,39,552

(c) The excess of income (comprising sill revenues and grants-in-aid) over expenditure for the concerned year has been assessed for tax.

(d) The assessment year and the date of issue of assessment order are given below :—

Assessment year	Date of Issues of Assessment Order
1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84	29-12-92
1989-90	9-3-92
1990-91	29-12-92
1991-92	25-11-92

(e) Against these assessment orders, the Tobacco Board has preferred appeals before the Income-tax Appellate Tribunal, Hyderabad on 11-6-93.

Import of Silk Fabrics

&2I51. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the imports of Silk Fabrics made under Advance Licensing duty free DEEC Scheme during the last three years separately for each Port viz. Bombay, Calcutta. Madras year-wise:

(b) what is the total yardage allowed and CIF thereof:

(c) what is the total FOB amount of export obligations imposed;

(d) whether the fulfilment of export obligations are ensured; and

(e) if so, the details of steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The information is contained in the enclosed statement

(c) The total FOB amount of export obligations imposed is Rs. 14,01,38,569.

(d) and (e) With a view to safeguarding the interest of the Government bank guarantee/ legal undertaking are executed by the exporters with the concerned Licensing Authorities before any import is made. Export obligations are also monitored by the Licensing Authorities and in case any default is noticed, penal action, in addition to forfeiture of bank guarantee or enforcement of legal undertakings is taken which may result in imposition of fiscal penalty as well as debarment

@Previously Unstarred Question 2060, transferred from 10-8-93.